principle approval are being examined along with the proposals of other States and the same will be considered depending upon inter-se-priority and also availability of funds.

India's bid For 2014 Asian Games

*313. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has made a bid to host 2014 Asian Games in the Country;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided upon the city or place which would host the games if the bid is selected;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of any other preparation underway to make the Indian hosting of 2014 Asian Games a success?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have accorded approval to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to bid for holding the Asian Games in 2014 at Delhi.

(d) The details would be worked out in the event of India's bid being successful.

India's position in IT at world level

*314. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has out-stripped China and Russia in IT race as per Global Information Technology Report;

(b) if so, the details thereof and India's place in the IT sector as per this report; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for improving India's Place in IT sector at international level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY